

A.R.T. ~ Aggression Replacement Training



Volunteer Services in collaboration with Program Manager, Jenn Weber and Juvenile Probation staff have begun the first 10-week session of the A.R.T. Program. This program is a grant funded opportunity for volunteers to facilitate 20 classes (2x a week for 10 weeks) teaching important life skills and anger management techniques.

Students take part in one hour classes, twice a week, that includes; instructional time, role playing and group discussion. Volunteers **Roy Bernier**, **Victor Dinsmoore**, **Diane Scrivo**, and **Susan Bender** have worked to provide a positive environment for students, to feel comfortable in learning these new techniques to better prepare them for real world interactions.

There has been positive feedback for this pilot session of the A.R.T. program. Volunteers continue to brainstorm ideas on how to make it even more effective, as they prepare for the second 10-week session to take place after the first of the year.



Many thanks to all the volunteers who graciously offered their assistance with the SCAO (State Court Administrators Office) survey that is mandated for all courts to take part in, yearly. 13th Circuit Court Family Division, Grand Traverse County Probate Court, and the 86th District Court thanks you for your time, and recognizes many of you have taken part in this event several years in a row.

Alex Moore, Ruth Bay, Katy Ramsdell, Jim Doman, Victor Dinsmoore, Darcy Schlitt, Patti Rose, Peg Gove, Barb Grewe, JoEllen Evans, Susan Bender, Diane Scrivo, Brenda Knaack, Ann McPhail, Bill Vaillancourt, Lori Metcalf, Susan Wilgus, and Judy Zrimec

In Loving Memory

Carol Orr– passed away August 17th, 2016
at age 95

Carol became a Probate Court Volunteer in 1985. She was a vibrant, caring force as she was an advocate for youth. She volunteered as a CASA and as a Learning Partner. Carol was a strong and caring person, with a bright smile and had genuine concern for all she met. Always keen and insightful, her compassion and spirit was a blessing we will miss.

Sylvia Keeley– passed away September 6th, 2016 at age 80

Sylvia became a Probate Court Volunteer in 2000. She brought with her an extensive teaching and business background, and became a Learning Partner. Her attention to detail and concern for all were essential to her work with students. Sylvia was able to connect with not only her students, but their families, and offer true support. Fellow volunteers remember her kindness and concern as gifts that she freely shared.

November and December Birthdays

Wes Nelson	Sue Schmidt
Roy Bernier	Nancy Reddy
Linda Dittmer	Donna Burnside
Shelley Burns	Nancy Winogrodzki
Robert Brown	Sharon Rosema
Sue Paul	Carla Hickman
Erica Canfield	Mary Meernik
Kathy Tahtinen	Thad Saur
Kaitlyn Grangood	Laura Alanson
Heidi Vos	Jane Becker
	Shen Chefalo
	Bill Vaillancourt
	Matt Shumate

**happy
birthday**



Remodel Update: Our Learning Partners Program will continue to serve the needs of youth involved in our Court. We are transitioning to meet in a variety of formats, including after school homework support group for older students and in-school one-to-one support for younger students.

If you are interested in volunteering in either capacity, please let us know. We are attempting to identify needs and build a base of volunteer support. Also, if you work with a student that is court-involved and may benefit from additional support, we can take referrals in Grand Traverse County.

This time of year, food pantries start to see an increase in demand and require an increase in giving to keep up. Traverse City and the surrounding area has 39 food pantries. Below is a list of a few of them for your convenience.

- ◆ **Father Fred Food Pantry**
- ◆ **Grace Episcopal Jubilee House**
- ◆ **Lake Ann United Methodist Church**
- ◆ **Benzie Food Partners**

Reminder: No November meeting. MI CASA conference in Lansing, MI on November 11th and 12th. Stay tuned for information sharing on conference topics and speakers at the December meeting.

December Meeting, **Tuesday December 13th, 5:00 p.m.** (note time change) at **Firefly Restaurant and Lounge**. We will be sitting in the lounge area at the back of the restaurant. Hope to see you all there. If you could email or call the office to let me know you will attend, that will assist in our planning.

Many thanks to all CASA's who donated an item for the raffle basket, that will be part of the silent auction at the MI CASA conference. Money raised by the baskets help to off set the costs of the conference.

Peg Gove, Peggy Friess, Susan Wilgus, Jane Becker, Lindsey Jordan, Lori Metcalf, Judy Zrimec, Ann McPhail, Kristen Rivard, Ruth Bay, Brenda Knaack, Patti Rose, and Susan Bender





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GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

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MELANIE D. STANTON, PROBATE & FAMILY COURT JUDGE

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Or Current Resident

Learning Partners

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 2016 (no meeting)

Tuesday, Dec. 6th, 2016



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

3rd Tuesday- 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept 15th, 2016 (no meeting)

Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 2016 (see pg. 3)



Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m.

*All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless otherwise mentioned.